

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to the entry of this Amendment, claims 1-24 were pending in this application. No claims have been amended, no claims have been added, and no claims have been canceled herein. Therefore, claims 1-24 remain pending in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these claims for at least the reasons presented below.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-24 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,901,530. Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer, which has been signed by an attorney of record in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Applicants respectfully submit that this terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection of claims 1-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-24 be withdrawn. This terminal disclaimer is being filed for the purpose of expediting prosecution and should not be construed as an acquiescence to obviousness-type double patenting.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, and the fact that no other rejections nor objections have been made, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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Attachment - Terminal Disclaimer

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